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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 25, 2002.

REMARKS

In the Office Action the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 and 372 between the following groups of claims:

Group I, claims 17-18, 22, 32 and 36, drawn to a polypeptide having hemolytic activity;

Group II, claims 19-21 and 23-29, drawn to a nucleic acid molecule encoding the polypeptide having hemolytic activity;

Group III, claims 30-32, drawn to a process of isolating a protein from natural sources;

Group IV, claim 33, drawn to a method of stimulating platelet agglutination by administering a protein having hemolytic activity; and